

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to better conform with the formal requirements of U.S. practice and to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Prior to this Amendment "B", claims 1-14 were pending in the present application. In this Amendment "B", claims 2, 4, 6, 11 and 12 have been amended and claims 13 and 14 have been canceled. Accordingly, after this Amendment "B" claims 1-12 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the present application in its current format is hereby respectfully requested.

In the Office action, the Examiner objected to the drawings because it was the Examiner's opinion that on sheet 3, the individual views should be labeled separately, such as Fig. 3(a), Fig. 3(b), Fig. 3(c) and Fig. 3(d). In response, Applicant has amended the drawings so as to label the views in this manner. A Replacement Sheet and an Annotated Marked Drawings sheet showing the changes are enclosed herewith.

In connection with the foregoing amendments to the drawings, Applicant has amended paragraph [0015] to properly describe Fig. 3(a), Fig. 3(b), Fig. 3(c) and Fig. 3(d).

The Examiner has also objected to the title of the invention because it was the Examiner's opinion that the title was not descriptive. In response, Applicant has

amended the title to make it more descriptive.

The Examiner has objected to claims 2 and 6 because of the use of "as well as" and has objected to claims 11-14 because their preambles do not match the preamble of independent claim 1, from which they ultimately depend. In response, Applicant has amended claims 2, 6, 11 and 12 to remove these objections. Claims 13 and 14 have been canceled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 2-4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. It is the Examiner's opinion that there is no antecedent basis for "the electronic components" in claim 2, line 3 and "the screened electronic components" in claim 4, line 4. In response, Applicant has amended claim 2 to recite "electronic circuit", instead of "electronic components", and has amended claim 4 to remove the reference to "screened electronic components". Applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 2-4 meet the requirements of under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and notice to that effect is hereby requested.

The Examiner has allowed claims 1, 5-14 and has indicated that claims 2-4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 set forth in the Office action, which the Applicant has done.

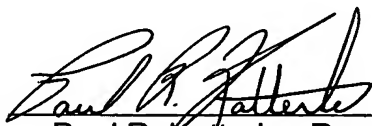
Since there are no pending rejections on the art, and all the formal objections are removed by the foregoing amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby

requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. FRR-13072.

Respectfully submitted,

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